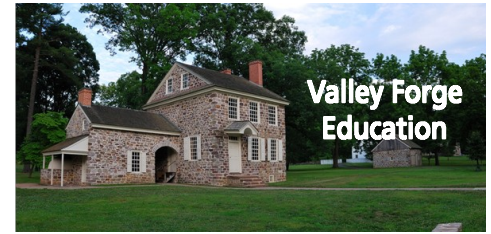




2012/13 Education Programs

The Interpretation and Education Team at Valley Forge National Historical Park is pleased to announce our 2012-13 education programs and field trips. We invite you to take advantage of our variety of program offerings, either in your classroom or as a field trip to the park. Education programs are designed for 3rd through 8th grade curriculum, but may be adapted for higher grades. **All programs are free of charge.**

*Exceptions to the class size requirements may be granted to special needs classes



Rangers in the Classroom

January - May: Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday

Introduce your students to the wonders of their neighborhood national park and entice them to visit Valley Forge with their families. Park rangers teach in your classroom about the military campaign in 1777-78 when the British and Americans maneuvered and battled for control of Philadelphia, and Washington's army encamped at Valley Forge to reorganize and transform into a mature army. This program highlights the importance of Valley Forge National Historical Park in our nation's history.

This program is available to schools within a 30-mile radius of Valley Forge Park. Classes may not be combined. Multiple class sessions are available on the same day at the same school, up to a maximum of 4 class sessions per day.

**To reserve a classroom program please complete the [Rangers in the Classroom Application](#).
Please find the application online at www.nps.gov/vafo/forteachers**

Field Trips to Valley Forge

October - December: Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday

January - February: Wednesday only

March - May: Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday

Riding Through History

2 hours

Class Size: Maximum 2 buses per day

Park rangers board your bus and give students a tour of the park to learn about the winter encampment, the reasons the site was chosen, and the leadership of the Commander-in-Chief. Featured activities include a march to the Muhlenberg Brigade with a living history demonstration at the site of reconstructed huts, an overview of the park's memorials and monuments, and a visit to the house that served as General Washington's residence and command center.

Soldier Life

1 hour 30 minutes

Class Size: 50 maximum/15 minimum*

Students will learn about the life of the soldier at Valley Forge. Conducted by park rangers dressed in period clothing, this program emphasizes how the men and women of the continental army persevered through the hardships of the winter encampment and how the soldiers trained to become an effective force that eventually won the fight for independence. The program includes a march with a park ranger to the Muhlenberg Brigade for a living history demonstration.

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Key Dates for 2012/13

Field Trip Season	October 2 - December 20 January 8 - February 27 March 5 - May 30	Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday Wednesday only Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday
Rangers in the Classroom Season	January 8 - May 30	Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday
Home School Days	October 10 May <i>(To be announced)</i>	These dates are reserved for Home School Days and are unavailable for field trips or classroom programs.

Requesting Your Education Program

Programs are reserved on a first come, first served basis. Applications must be submitted at least 2 weeks prior to your requested program date and will be considered based on dates and ranger availability. Decisions will be made within one week after the submission of the application. You will receive a completed form with the reserved date and time as your confirmation.

Please send your completed reservation application to:
E-mail: vafo_education@nps.gov
Fax: 610-783-1038

If you have any questions, please call 610-783-1066.
All programs are free of charge.

Day of Field Trip

Groups should arrive at the front of the Visitor Center at least fifteen minutes prior to the start time of your program to register your group at the front desk. Please bring a copy of your confirmation with you. Your program may be cancelled if you arrive fifteen minutes late.
Please call 610-783-1099 if you will be delayed.

Day of Classroom Program

It is most effective to have the ranger present in one classroom or multipurpose room and have participating classes rotate. Please allow a lunch break for the teaching ranger if you have three or more classes reserved. Please ensure that all students are prepared for the ranger program with a pencil in hand.



Educational books, videos and games are available from The Encampment Store, located on the first floor of the Visitor Center and online at: www.encampmentstore.org